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## **U.S. continues supporting improvement of Bolivian National Police**

The Ambassador of the United States to Bolivia, David Greenlee, presented today a new donation of uniforms to the Bolivian National Police. This donation is an expression of the support of the U.S. government for that institution.

“This donation is consistent with our interest in supporting the Police in a more explicit way after the events of last year’s February and October” said Ambassador Greenlee, who also remarked that the police have authority, but at the same time they have “a great deal of responsibility, one that is above the responsibility of all other citizens, because they bear arms.”

The United States Embassy emphatically supports democracy, the rule of law and the democratic institutions in the country. Due to this commitment, the Embassy supports several Bolivian efforts whose objective is the institutional strengthening of the police. Other cooperation includes technical and training assistance.

The donation, benefiting more than 1,200 police officers who work in the city of El Alto, was provided through the Narcotics Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy, and is part of a larger donation that the U.S. Embassy will give to the National Police throughout the country, valued at more than US\$ 1 million. The overall donation will consist of 19,000 uniforms, 19,000 pairs of boots and materials for logistic operations.

The U.S. government supports the institutional strengthening of the Bolivian National Police in order to improve citizens’ security, police techniques, and criminal investigations. Almost all training courses offered by the U.S. government to the police include classes about the protection and respect of human rights.